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Trump Administration to Ban TikTok and WeChat From U.S. App Stores

The Trump administration said Friday it would bar the Chinese-owned mobile apps WeChat and TikTok from U.S. app stores as of□□□□□□□ midnight Sunday, a significant escalation in America's tech fight with China that takes aim at two popular services used by more than 100 million people in the United States.

/ˌeskəˈleɪʃn/ n. □□□□□ escalation of the war □□□□□

In a series of moves designed to render □□□□ WeChat essentially useless within the

United States, the government will also ban American companies from processing transactions for WeChat or hosting its internet traffic.

Similar restrictions will also **go into effect** for TikTok on Nov. 12 unless the company can **assuage (/əˈsweɪdʒ/relieve)** the administration's concerns that the popular social media app **poses a threat** to U.S. national security.

While the government is ordering a ban on the apps, it will largely be up to Apple and Google — which make the software that backs nearly all the world's smartphones — to remove the apps from their stores. The two companies

could face civil or criminal penalties for failing to **comply with (obey)**the new rules.

The order is not as draconian (/drə'kəʊniən/serious) as some companies had feared. It won't affect the ability of multinational companies like Starbucks or Walmart to work with WeChat in China, where they commonly use the app as a payment platform.

Word bank :

1.to Ban　be to do sth.□□□□□□□□to talk about arrangements for the future□

2.as of □□□□□

3.significantUK /sɪɡˈnɪfɪkənt/ US /sɪɡˈnɪfəkənt/

adj. □□□□□□□□having an important effect or influence, especially on what will happen in the future□

4.escalationUK /ˌeskəˈleɪʃn/ US /ˌeskəˈleɪʃn/n. □□□□□

escalation of the war □□□□□

5.tech fight □□□

6.takes aim at take aim at sb./sth. □□□□/□□□□□□/□□□□□

7.a series of moves □□□□□/□□

8.renderUK /ˈrendə/ US /ˈrendər/vt. □□□□cause to be/become; make□

9.essentially essentially UK /ɪˈsenʃəli/ US /ɪˈsenʃəli/ adv. □□□□basically□

10.useless

11.ban ban sb. from doing sth. = bar sb. from doing sth. □□□□□□□

12.processing process UK /ˈprəʊses/ US /ˈprɑːses/ vt. □□□□□□operate□

13.hosting host vt. □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□n. □□

14.internet traffic □□□□□□□□□□□□

15.restrictions

restrictionUK /rɪˈstrɪkʃn/ US /rɪˈstrɪkʃn/ n. □□

16.assuage UK /əˈsweɪdʒ/ US /əˈsweɪdʒ/

vt. □□□to make an unpleasant feeling less intense; relieve□

17.poses a threat □□□□

pose a problem □□□□ pose danger □□□□ pose difficulties □□□□

18.be up to sb./sth.□□□□/□□

19.face civil or criminal penalties

face civil or criminal penalties □□□□□□□□□

20.fail to do sth.□□□□□□

21.comply with □□□□□

comply with the rules □□□□

22.draconian

UK /drəˈkəʊniən/ US /drəˈkoʊniən/

adj. □ □ □ □ □ □ □ used to describe laws or their application which are excessively harsh or severe□